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ASSASSINATION OF DET. SGT. LOH LIEN KWEI ON 12.8.28 at HANKOW

In March 1950 at Taipei, Taiwan Island, S.A. Toherenshansky ex
D.S.I. of Shanghai Municipal Police at that time connected with Ministry of
National Defence of Chinese National Government during conversation with
"Colonel"
one James LEE, ex detective of S.T. employed at Intelligence Section of
Ministry of National Defence and one Colonel [redacted] of the
above office obtained following information regarding assassination of
Det Sgt Loh Lien Kwei.

Col James Lee and his chief Col [redacted] former employee of
Political Section of the French Municipal Police in Shanghai mentioned
that Det Sgt Loh Lien Kwei was murdered by one of his co employees in S.T.
name was mentioned but could not be recollected. This person sent assassins
to murder his colleague and no body suspected him. At present he resides
at Taipei.

Conversation took place at the Restaurant of Aviation Co Hotel
in the central district of Taipei.

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Central China Daily News :- 15-8-39 (H.M.)

LOH LIEN-KWE'S MEMORIAL SERVICE

Nearly one year has elapsed since the murder of Loh Lien-kwe, Superintendent of the S.M.P., in front of the Central Hotel, corner of Canton Road and Hoopah Road last year. It is now learned that a certain Chu (朱), who was formerly an intimate friend of the deceased, is planning to hold a memorial service for the late Loh Lien-kwe when a suitable place for the holding of this service can be found.

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

C. B. H. Q. (G. 11)

REPORT

Date June 19, 1939.

Subject RE ATTACHED ANONYMOUS LETTER.

Made by and Forwarded by D. I. GLOVER.

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Sir,

From enquiries made it has been established that the allegations contained in the attached anonymous letter are false, the writer undoubtedly being motivated by petty spite.

The two persons named Yin Soong Fu (尹松甫) and Yu Jui Fang (余瑞芳) alias Yu Lao Ssu (余老苏), residing respectively at No. 39 Mei Ch'un Villa, Jessfield Road, and the Hsu Ta Hsien Idol Hall, Lane No. 128 Route Duplex, French Concession, are undoubtedly persons engaged in sharp practice, having established a "Faith healing" clinic, but nothing to substantiate the allegations contained in the attached letter has been found.

The facts surrounding the murder of the late Supt. Loh Lien Kwei are too well known for reiteration, and in view of the investigations made I would suggest that the allegations contained in the attached letter be ignored.



H. C. Glover
D. I.

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE

COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE.

Translation of.....Precis of anonymous letter.....

June 9, 1939.

To

Police Department,
Shanghai Municipal Council.

Sirs,

Yin Soong Fu residing in a wing of House No. 39, Mei Ch'un Villa, Jessfield Road and Yu Jui Fang alias Yu Lao Ssu residing in the Hsu Ta Hsien Idol Hall, Lane 128, Route Duplex are concerned in the murder of the late Chief Detective Loh Lien Kwe. They usually remain at their houses in the morning and go to the "Hwo-hwei" lottery in the afternoon. It is requested that inquiries be made and punishment be meted out to offenders.

(Signed): Lo Hung Hsiang.

S.K. Ho:
No. 382.

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Anonymous letter re motor car suspected of having been used by
assasins of Supt. Loh Li Kwei.

D.S. Rhodes

Sir,

With reference the attached anonymous letter, I beg to
report that enquiries regarding the two motor cars mentioned
revealed the following information.

Motor car S.M.C. Licence No.17667, is at present not
licenced, the licence plates have been returned to the traffic
office, and to-date not re-issued.

Motor car S.M.C. Licence No.17677 is licenced in the
name of the Kiangsu Sing Kee Garage, situated at No.125-7
Kweichow Road.

Enquiries made at the hire car garage ascertained that
although the car is licenced in the name of the Kiangsu Sing
Kee Garage, it is owned by the chauffeur Bao Dih Sung (Bao Dih Sung)
driving permit No.4830, and resident at No.85 Love Lane. He
together with another of the garage car's No.17780, do business
outside the Pah Yung Hospital, No.95 Love Lane.

Bao Dih Sung was located at Love Lane and brought to the
office of C "8" for questioning regarding his movements on
August 18th, 1938.

He stated that at about 9 a.m. August 18th, he took car
No.17677 to a repair garage situated on Medhurst Road to have
some mechanical repairs effected, these repairs were such
that it necessitated his leaving the car at the garage for
three days. He added however that upon the advice of the
chief mechanic at the repair garage he removed the licence
plates and kept them in his home, until the repairs were
effected and the car was returned to him. He stoutly avers

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that during the three days the car was under repair the plates which he had removed therefrom never left his home, and were not used on any other car, neither during that time did he drive any of the other Kiangsu Garage cars.

Further he added that at 2 p.m. 18/8/38 he was in the offices of the Special Branch being questioned by C.D.I. Sih Tse Liang regarding a report made that his car had been used on August 11th. 1938 to distribute Anti-Government hand-bills.

C.D.I. Sih corroborated this fact, vide Special Branch report No.8522 August 19th.

Enquiries at the Chun Chong motor service, No.391 Madhurst Road elicited that the car was placed in that establishment at 9 a.m. August 18th. and did not leave again until August 21st. when the repairs had been completed.

The driver's wife Bao Tung Ts (鮑陸氏) also corroborated the fact that her husband's car had been under repair during the dates aforementioned, during which times he was at home and did not drive any other car or use the licence plates.

The envelope which contained the letter bears the post mark No.11 which indicates that same was posted at the South Fokien Road sub office.

From the foregoing it will be seen that no evidence exists to show that the car mentioned in the driver could have been on Hupei Road at 2 p.m. August 18th. and in view of the fact that this is the second letter written in which this car has been mentioned, it would appear that some person/s who bears animosity toward this driver is deliberately attempting to get him into trouble with the Police.

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in car
as acting.

August 24, 1938.

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S.M.C. TO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR SUPPRESSION OF TERRORISTS

The Nippo publishes the following leading article under the above heading :-

August 13 passed off without untoward incidents.

On August 18 members of the Blue Shirts Society assassinated Superintendent Loh Lien-kwei of the S.M.P. The Blue Shirts are reported to be endeavouring to lay the assassination at the door of pro-Japanese Chinese.

It is also reported that a dirty trick is being played for the purpose of preventing unrest among the Chinese police officers who were under the influence of the late Supt. Loh. A theory is being advanced to the effect that some pro-Japanese elements were responsible for the murder.

When the S.M.P. authorities were placed on a test to prove their efficiency on August 13, Superintendent Loh Lien-kwei and other Chinese police officers were reported to have made arrangements secretly with anti-Japanese elements not to cause any trouble on that day. A leader of anti-Japanese elements was arrested by the Police before he could carry out his mission. This led the terrorists to mark Loh Lien-kwei as a traitor and his assassination followed.

It is reported that the Chinese police officers have secretly agreed not to suppress and not to interfere with cases of terrorism. This secret agreement was evidenced on August 22 when Mr. Liu Kyi-an and Mr. Liu Hong-foh, both officials of the Finance Ministry of the "Reformed Government" were attacked on Bubbling Well Road by desperadoes.

The terrorists are planning to create disturbances in the Foreign Settlements in order to prevent the people from joining the rehabilitation movement under the "Reformed Government." It is to be hoped that the S.M.C. authorities will do their very best to bring about a complete suppression of terrorists so as to provide adequate protection to the people.



TRANSLATION FROM FRENCH

French Police

August 20, 1938

Instructional Memo No. 65

Funeral of Supt. LOH LIEN KWEI of the S.M.P.

The funeral of Supt. LOH LIEN KWEI of the S.M.P. will take place at 1 p.m. August 21.

The French Police will furnish the following personnel :

HEADQUARTERS: Mr. PRESSIS.
Mr. LAMBALOT.

UNIFORM: The band and drums under the supervision of Sergeant MORO.
Inspector SALAUN PENQUER
Sergeant BOURDAT
Sergeants on "stand-by" at Marlet, Joffre and Foch stations.
Chief Inspector Martin TSEU
20 Chinese Police Constables from the Reserve Unit.
30 Chinese Police Constables (5 per station).

CRIME & SPECIAL BRANCHES: 4 Foreign and 30 Chinese Detectives.

The above will meet at Joffre Station at 12.30 p.m.

Six trucks from the V.I.O. will transport the above and the band to arrive at the International Funeral Directors, Kiaochow Road at 12.45 p.m.

A wreath will be sent to the Reserve Unit. It will be placed in the mortuary by Chief Inspector Martin TSEU.

DRESS:

Foreigners: No. 1 Uniform, Khaki helmet, belt or cross belt and pistol.

Chinese: No. 1 Uniform, leather helmet, belt and pistol.

Band: No. 1 Uniform, cork helmet, or leather khaki covered helmet, drums to be covered in crepe.

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The French Police party will leave the procession at Montigny-Edward VII and take to its trucks which will be waiting in Rue Wagner.

The band will withdraw at the spot indicated in the previous paragraph but will continue playing until such time as the hearse has passed.

JOHN.

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

File No.

Special Branch *8646*

REPORT

Date *August 25* 1938.

Subject *Article in the "Novosti Dnia" of 22-8-38 containing false information regarding the assassination of Supt, Loh Lien-Kwe - Editor interviewed.*

Made by *and* Forwarded by *C.D.I. Ross.*

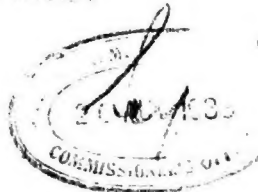
Mr. V.A. Chilikin, Editor of the "Novosti Dnia" (Russian Daily News), was interviewed at headquarters on August 24, 1938. Asked from what source he had obtained his information regarding the alleged results of the examination of bullets extracted from the body of Supt. Loh Lien Kwe, he explained that exactly the same information had been published in the "Shanghai Evening Post & Mercury" and the "China Press" dated 21-8-38 and 22-8-38 respectively, and that he merely had reprinted it. It was pointed out to him that whereas the said newspapers published the information in question as "an unconfirmed report", the "Novosti Dnia" referred to it as ~~an~~ an established fact. Mr. Chilikin admitted his mistake and said that in future he would in doubtful cases apply to the police for authentic information.



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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

File No.

Section 1, Special Branch

REPORT

Date August 24, 1938

Subject. Article in the "Novosti Dnia" containing false information regarding the assassination of Mr. Loh Lien-kwa.

Made by. D.S.I. Prokofiev

Forwarded by

W. L. ...

With reference to the attached memo of the D. C. (Special Branch) dated 22-8-38, Mr. V.A. Chilikin, editor of the "Novosti Dnia", was communicated with by phone. On being informed that the information contained in the first paragraph of the attached translation was false, he stated that exactly same information had been published in the "China Press" on 22-8-38 and in other English newspapers. According to him, the "China Press" obtained the information in question from "a high police officer".

Article of the "China Press" referred to by Mr. Chilikin is attached herewith for the purpose of comparison.

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Loh Funeral Procession Is Witnessed By Huge Crowds

Million People See Big Cortège Pass Along Shanghai Streets

TRAFFIC HALTED ON NANKING ROAD

Feeling Tense As Police Keep Hands On Pistols While Marching

A glowing tribute was paid to Shanghai's outstanding detective yesterday afternoon by the most lavish funeral procession to wend its way through local thoroughfares since the funeral of Sheng Keng-fu, Manchu dynasty multimillionaire, 24 years ago.

The hearse bearing the remains of the late Superintendent Loh Lien-kwei, S.M.P. was driven along an eight-mile course which took in the main streets of the International Settlement. The procession itself was a mile long, and required approximately an hour to pass a given point.

Superintendent Loh's 27-year career with the Shanghai Municipal Police was prematurely ended by the vicious bark of assassins' bullets, which murdered the best Chinese police official in the annals of S.M. Police history outside the Central Hotel, corner of Hoopah and Canton Roads, on Thursday.

Havildars Head Cortège

Heading the procession, which started at 1 p.m. yesterday at the parlors of the International Funeral Directors on Kiaochow Road and did not reach its destination, the Pingkiang Guild on Tatung Road, until four hours later, were eight Havildars. They were followed by the Russian band of the French Municipal Police.

Through five and six-deep lined the streets on the itinerary for a full hour before the start of the procession. More than 1,000,000 Chinese and foreigners witnessed the largest funeral to be held in Shanghai in a score of years.

Traffic was tied up to allow the procession to pass, and a large force of police officers lined the streets along which the cortège was to pass, working overtime to keep back the curious thousands who persisted in surging onto the road.

The hearse carrying the expensive \$3,000 "nan" wood casket was followed by 18 Chinese and foreign plainclothesmen of the Shanghai Municipal Police. These kept their gun-bands on their revolvers in their pockets for every inch of the eight-mile course.

Atmosphere Tense

While no untoward incident occurred during the procession, a representative of THE CHINA PRESS who walked with this group clearly felt the tension which prevailed, especially when the hearse passed the Central Hotel, outside which the assassination was perpetrated last Thursday.

More than 100 cars and trucks participated in the procession. Near the head of the apparently endless stream of mourners moved a car carrying a portrait of the deceased and another car bearing the spiritual tablet. Flower lanterns, large banners, Chinese bands, monks, Taoist priests, nuns, mourning scrolls and a car bearing the late superintendent's police cap and details of his career were also included.

Midway in the procession marched Major K. M. Bourne, S.M.P. Commissioner, accompanied by Deputy-Commissioners S. C. Young and Captain H.M. Smyth. They were followed by Special Japanese Deputy-Commissioner C. Akagi and others. High officials of the French Police marched ahead.

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In addition to the Russian band of the F.M. Police, there were also

the S.M.P. Drum and Fife band and a band of the Postal Employees' Guild, besides numerous Chinese bands.

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Extensive Arrangements

Funeral arrangements were in the hands of no less than 17 sub-committees, controlled by a supervisory committee. Serving on these bodies were friends, associates, and "disciples" of the late Superintendent Loh Lien-kwei.

Leaving the funeral parlors at 1 p.m., the procession marched south along Kiaochow Road, turning east on Avenue Road. Upon reaching Gordon Road, it turned south again, and east once more into Bubbling Well Road.

At the corner of Bubbling Well and Yu Ya Ching Roads, where the cortège was met by Major Bourne and other high police officials, the long column turned south, then east into Avenue Edward VII.

Turning north at Hoopah Road, it passed the scene of the assassination, the Central Hotel, thence proceeding along Canton Road, Kwangse Road, Nanking Road, Honan Road, Tsepoo Road, North Chiekiang Road, Soochow Road, Yu Ya Ching Road, Avenue Road, Sinsia Road and Tatung Road.

Estimated Cost, \$50,000

A local garage placed its entire fleet of cars at the disposal of the committees handling the funeral arrangements. The funeral, it is estimated, cost the family of the deceased approximately \$30,000.

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to have been placed in the deceased's mouth and a jade bracelet, appraised at \$4,000, put on one arm. According to an old Chinese superstition, these gems produce the effect of embalment.

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Translation from Russian newspaper "NOVOSTI DNIA", August 22, 1938
Published by the Russian Publishing Co., 620 Avenue Foch. Editor-
Mr. V.A. Chilikin.

MILLIONS OF PEOPLE SAW LOH LIEN-KWE'S FUNERAL

Revolvers used for the assassination of the S.M.P. Superintendent
were sold to the Special Section of the Japanese
Army some time ago.

..... Among other things ,an examination of bullets
extracted from the body of Loh Lien-kwe has led to the conclusion
that several revolvers, from which shots had been fired at Loh,
belong to the series of 27 revolvers sold by the Municipal Police
to the Special Section of the Japanese Army.

During yesterday's press conference Colonel G. Nagai, repre-
sentative of the Japanese Army, in reply to questions asked by
newspaper men stated that should any member of the Special Section
attached to the Army be accused of being member of any terrorist
gang, a detailed investigation will be instituted by the Army Head-
quarters. According to Colonel Nagai, some persons are using the
name of the Japanese Army, as it is unconceivable that Japanese of-
ficers can engage in terroristic activities".....

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Wide Awake



This Chinese detective who formed one of the group of 15 foreign and Chinese plainclothesmen who followed the hearse in yesterday's impressive funeral procession was taking no chances. As his gaze bored into the dense crowd of spectators, his trigger-finger was ready. The big Mauser in his right hand was never put away at any time during the eight-mile march.—LACKS NEWS PHOTOS for THE CHINA PRESS.

August 21, 1938.

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THE MURDER OF LOH LIEN KWEI: OFFENSIVE ATTITUDE OF S.L.C.
EXPOSED: CHINA DAILY NEWS ADVISES S.L.C. TO REFLECT

While the S.L.P. authorities are boasting of the effectiveness of the precautionary measures adopted on August 13 to prevent acts of terrorism, Superintendent Loh Lien Kwei of the S.L.P. was assassinated by terrorists and the residents of Shanghai were thrown into a state of panic.

* D The "China Daily News", a Chinese newspaper, published the following leading article under the headline "The question of peace and order of the Settlement" drawing the attention of the S.L.C. to this matter. This article is noteworthy for both this paper and the "North China Daily News" have published leading articles on the question of peace and order in the Settlement.

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The "China Daily News" wrote:- "While the hostilities are affecting various places along China's coasts, the Foreign Settlements in Shanghai, due to their special status, are enjoying peace and order in a comparative degree. Since the outbreak of the hostilities, a large number of Chinese people have flocked into the Foreign Settlements for they rely upon the special status of the Settlements and the efficiency of the authorities to preserve peace and order. On several occasions this paper has drawn the attention of the Foreign Settlement authorities to the preservation of peace and to their responsibility in the matter because acts of terrorism have frequently taken place. Whether or not it was due to the articles of this paper, August 13 passed off quietly because the authorities had adopted adequate measures. For this, the residents are thankful to the Settlement authorities. Nevertheless, Superintendent Loh Lien Kwei was murdered five days after

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the anniversary. Although we are not concerned whether the motive of the murder is private grudge or public indignation, we wish to emphasize that this act of terrorism took place in broad daylight in the business centre. Ioh Lien Kwei ~~was~~ was one of the responsible officers dealing with terrorists. We would like to know what the S.L.C. authorities are doing. We cannot help entertaining a doubt about the efficiency of the S.L.C. to maintain peace and order. As regard the weakness of the Police Force we have already drawn the attention of the public to this on several occasions. In spite of this, we have witnessed this act of terrorism. It is most regrettable. What about the prestige of the S.L.P.? We again request careful reflection on the part of the authorities."

March 20, 1960.

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The late Mr. Lou Heng-shan, of
Shanghai, who was a prominent member of the
of the Green Gang Hotel, Shanghai, was
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of the Green Gang Hotel, Shanghai, was
members of the Police Force depended on him.
the above facts, his untimely death has created a great
sensational among the local community and various rumors
regarding the persons responsible for his assassination
are current. Some say that communists were responsible
others say that his death was due to internal dispute
the Police Force, while it is also being said that
anti-Japanese elements were responsible. However, according
to the information obtained from reliable sources the
assassination is reported to have been carried out by three
members of the Blue Shirts Society who arrived here recently
from Hankow.

Mr. Lo Lien Kwei was in close touch with members of the Blue Shirts Society, and other anti-Japanese elements, and many of the anti-Japanese acts of terrorism were committed with his knowledge. The Chinese culprits who were arrested by the Municipal Police for being in possession of arms in connection with the acts of terrorism which took place on July 7th, were handed over to the Japanese military authorities by the Police in accordance with the agreement reached between the two authorities.

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F. A. to D. C. (S. Br.)

This came as a great shock to the anti-Japanese elements and had ~~been~~ led them to believe that Mr. Loh had betrayed the anti-Japanese elements. At the beginning of August an anti-Japanese terrorist was arrested by the Municipal Police. ~~These~~ Members of the terrorist organization requested Mr. Loh to release the man on the ground that Mr. Loh was their comrade. The request was rejected. This gave rise to much indignation among the terrorists the second day ~~they~~ ^{at} the action taken by Mr. Loh when Mr. Loh directed the Municipal Police on the anniversary of August 13 and gave no chance to the terrorists to commit outrages. Then and there the terrorists decided to exterminate Mr. Loh as a traitor.

On August 15 a party consisting of 20 members of the Blue Shirts Society selected three men to undertake the assassination. The three men proceeded to a point in front of the Central Hotel with the remaining 17 members of the society watching to see what action the three men would take. After carrying out their mission, the three men fired three shots into the air. This was a signal to indicate that they had accomplished their mission. They made good their escape among the crowds.

From this report, it is clear that the assassination of Mr. Loh ^{was} due to a dispute among anti-Japanese elements. The irresponsibility of the Municipal authorities in giving employment to such an undesirable element has thus been brought to light.

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August 10, 1936.

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CHARACTER OF LATE SUPERINTENDENT LOH REVEALED

So long as the assassins are at large, the mystery surrounding the assassination of Superintendent Lon Lien-kwei cannot be solved. On August 19 his character and the nature of the crime were ascertained to a certain extent. It is uncertain how many persons are really sorry for his death. Every one who knows something about his antecedents ^{will} ~~could~~ feel easy at the news of his death.

Cunning and Authority Mixed in His Wicked Record

Loh joined the police force as a constable, but his craft, cunning and the influence of Lu Hsueh-sung, a leader of the Green Gang, pushed him up to the position of Superintendent. His fortune is now reported to be about one million dollars but in reality it will be more than two millions. He was a Superintendent but his salary was between \$800 and \$1,000 a month and he ^{had} ~~now~~ held the position less than ten years. How could he possibly have saved two million dollars during this period? An account of his antecedents is but a history of crime in the Shanghai Municipal Police. There was hardly a police force in which he was not interested. Interfering with opium and kidnapping cases, he committed many crimes and during the past few years he had been continuing a life of crime.

He abused his authority and misused the Chinese police officers under him to commit his crimes; at the same time, he won over the majority of the British officers, including the new Commissioner of Police, and carried out evil practices against the two million residents in the International Settlement. Furthermore he had complete influence over the entire staff of the Section C.8

which deals with terrorists in the International Settlement, including the British officer Crichton, in order to utilize them for his evil purposes.

It is said that in municipal circles criticism is being made to the effect that Superintendent Loh Lien-kwei and Mr. Young (Deputy Commissioner, Crime) had conspired together and had dishonestly enriched themselves. Mr. Young is said to be leaving the Force over some trouble with Major Bourne, the new Commissioner of Police.

As has already been reported, Loh was radically anti-Japanese and was responsible for the anti-Japanese atmosphere created in municipal circles following the outbreak of the Sino-Japanese hostilities. Using the Central Hotel as a base of anti-Japanese activities, he worked behind the scenes taking advantage of his position. He gave financial assistance to terrorists and supplied them with hand grenades and pistols. However, his assassination is due to the internal dissension which broke out recently among the anti-Japanese elements. Loh's contemptuous attitude towards Tu Yueh-sung had compelled the latter to plan his assassination.

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Headquarters,
Shanghai Municipal Police,
..... August 20, 1935.

SUBJECT

Translation of Extracts from Japanese Newspapers.

The Acting Secretary,

The Commissioner presents his compliments to S. M. C.

and begs to forward herewith the following documents relative to the
subject referred to above

1. Copy of translation of newspaper cuttings.
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FILE

August 19, 1938.

MAINICHI

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INTERNAL STAFF AMONG ANTI-JAPANESE TERRORISTS AFTER
THEY HAD PLANNED TO CARRY OUT THEIR PLANS ON AUGUST 12-
LOH LIEN-KWEI TOOK ACTIVE PART IN ASSASSINATING THE
OFFICIAL POLICE

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HIPPO

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Headquarters. 22 8 38

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Divisional Memo No. 230.

Divisional Officers.
D.D.O.'s (for information)

Funeral of the late Superintendent
Loh Lien Kwe

Arrangements for the funeral of the late Superintendent Loh Lien Kwe who was murdered by armed desperadoes at 2.45 p.m. August 18, 1938 at the corner of Hoopah and Canton Roads.

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Time

The cortege will leave the International Funeral Director's Kiaochow Road, at 1 p.m. August 21.

Route

Kiaochow Road, Avenue Road, Gordon Road, Bubbling Well Road, Yu Ya Ching Road, Avenue Edward VII, Hoopah Road, Canton Road, Kwangse Road, Nanking Road, Shanse Road, North Shanse Road, Tsepoo Road, North Chekiang Road, Soochow Road, Yu Ya Ching Road, Avenue Road, Tatung Road north to the Pingkiang Guild.

Details

All available Foreigners Japanese, Sikhs and Chinese.

Parade

Details from "B" Division including a squad from the Depot, will parade on Kiaochow Road north of Avenue Road at 12.45 p.m. and accompany the cortege as far as Chengtu Road where they will turn South, and leave the procession.

Details from "A" Division and S.M.P. (Specials) will parade on Chengtu Road (North side) at 1.30 p.m. and will accompany the cortege as far as Shanse Road Bridge where they will leave the procession West along Soochow

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Road.

Details from "C" and "D" Divisions will parade on North Soochow Road west of North Shanse Road at 2 p.m., and accompany the cortege as far as Chekiang Road Bridge and leave the procession East along North Soochow Road. Details from the Depot Staff will parade on Soochow Road, West of Chekiang Road Bridge at 2.30 p.m. and will accompany the cortege as far as Tatung Road.

Supervi-
sion

The Officer in charge Depot will arrange supervision throughout.

Troopers

The Trooper Sub-Inspector and 8 Sikh Troopers will lead the procession.

Band

The Officer in charge Reserve Unit will arrange for the Police Band to accompany the procession.

Traffic

The Traffic Office will arrange for supervision throughout in conjunction with Station Staffs.

Unattached
Officers

Will parade immediately in front of the Chief mourners.

Dress
Officers

Service Dress (trousers) helmets, canes and pistols will be carried.

Divisional Officers will accompany their own divisions.

Dress
Other Ranks

Service dress, helmets, pistols will be carried.



Deputy Commissioner (Divisions).

Distribution:

C.P.
P.A. (C.P.)
D.C. (Crime)
D.C. (Sp.Br.)
D.C. (Chinese)
D.C. (Japanese)
D.C. (Specials)
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A.C. (A. & T.R.)
A.C. (Sikhs)

French Police
Shanghai Fire Brigade
Officers i/c Stations
Officer i/c Training Depot
Officer i/c Reserve Unit
Officer i/c Mounted Branch

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

CRIME DIARY.

Crime Register No. **2875/38**

"A" Division.
LOUZA Police Station.
18th August, 1938.

Diary Number 1.	(Sheet No. 1.)	Nature of Offence:—	1.
Time at which investigation begun and concluded each day	2.50p.m.-12m.n. 18-8-38	Places visited in course of investigation each day.	Scene of offence. Detective Office.

RECORD OF INVESTIGATION.

Place or description of premises.	Roadway, outside Central Hotel, Canton Road.		
Time and date of offence.	About 2.45 p.m. 18-8-38.		
" " " reported.	2.48 p.m. 18-8-38 by phone.		
Name, occupation and address of complainant.	S.P.C./S.M. Police.		
Number of criminals with full individual description.	Two or Three (Not arrested) (1) Age about 25, height about 5'6", slim build, long hair, wearing a black long gown, no hat, dialect unknown. (2) Age about 25, height about 5'6", slim build, long hair, wearing a grey silk long gown, no hat, dialect unknown.		
Arrests.	Nil.		
Classification of property stolen.	-	Value \$	
Classification of property recovered.	-	Value \$	
In cases of Murder or Suspected Murder points (a) to (d) should be answered. (a) Time and date body was discovered. (b) Position, appearance and marks on body. (c) Apparent cause of death. (d) Motive if known.	2.48 p.m. 18-8-38. Death due to bullet wounds. Suspected Political motives.		

Full Details of Method used in Committing offence.

In cases of larceny, housebreaking etc., all the points (e) to (i) should be answered, if known. In all cases in which there is fraud, the false pretence and the character assumed by the suspect should be fully described.

(e) Mode of entry, including manner of approach to premises.
 (f) Means used (tools etc.)
 (g) Character assumed by criminal, and story told, etc.
 (h) Mode of transport and description.
 (i) Peculiar act (poisoning dog, partaking of food etc.)

Handwritten notes and signatures:
 "JCSB"
 "DBR 19/8"
 "EX 9/11/11"
 "18/8/38"
 "A. to D. C. (Sp. 11)"

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- (j) What staff employed on premises ?
(k) Are they all "old" servants ?
(l) If not, what was their last employment and for how long ?
(m) What was their "characters" ?
(n) If any suspicion attached to any of them and if so, which one and for what reason ?
(o) Are old servants suspected ?
(p) Are friends and visitors above suspicion if not, who is suspected ?

Remarks

(Any outstanding or peculiar feature to be commented on by investigating officer).

At 2.48 p.m. 18-8-38, a telephone message was received from D.S.I. Giggerson (Louza) reporting that Det. Supt. Loh Lien Kwei (陸連奎) had been shot outside the Central Hotel, Canton Road.

C.I. Chamberlain, D.I. Bennett and all available men immediately attended, including personnel of Reserve Unit who were standing by at Louza Station at the time of the receipt of this message.

Upon arrival at scene immediate enquiries ascertained that Supt. Loh Lien Kwei had been shot, apparently fatal, whilst inside his own car, Lic. No. 743, his chauffeur, one Sung Yeung Sung (孫榮生), Permit 8128, had been injured, two or three men responsible for this offence having decamped in an Easterly direction along Hapah Road towards the French Concession.

Both were sent to the Lester Chinese Hospital by the Shanghai Fire Brigade Ambulance, whilst members of the Reserve Unit, assisted by detectives and staff from Louza Station searched the vicinity, no trace however of the assailants being found.

Supt. Loh Lien Kwei was pronounced dead upon arrival at the Lester Hospital, whilst the Chinese chauffeur, Sung Yeung Sung was found to be suffering from a bullet wound of the left arm.

Supt. Loh Lien Kwei was attached to Crime Branch Headquarters, C.I. in charge of detectives,

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Diary Number:—

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Nature of Offence:

Time at which
investigation begun
and concluded each day

Places
visited in
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each day

RECORD OF INVESTIGATION.

and at about 12.30 p.m. 18-3-38, had left offices at S.M. Police Headquarters, accompanied by D.I. Glover and Detective Inspt. Lieu Zau Kwei (劉紹魁), proceeding to his house on Haining Road, where he was seen to enter the premises by detectives who then left.

Shortly afterwards Supt. Loh Lien Kwei evidently proceeded to his home, 14 Tse Pang Road near Avenue Road, leaving these premises by his private car, Lic. No.743, driven by chauffeur Sung Yoong Sung shortly after 2.p.m. with the intention of proceeding to the Central Hotel, Canton Road of which he was the licensee, his usual custom preparatory to proceeding to offices at S.M. Police Headquarters. (Statement 1).

Upon proceeding in an Easterly direction on Canton Road, the chauffeur of the car had drawn into the side of the roadway near to the main entrance on Canton Road, a little West of Hyph and Canton Roads corner.

The car had not drawn up to the pavement, but was about 4 yards West of this main entrance, No. 545 Canton Road and about 2 yards from the pavement when a employee of the Central Hotel was, Ts Yoong Kong (朱永康), who together with another employee, one, Wo Yee Sing (夏維新) were standing at

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Diary Number:— **1 cont'd.** Nature of Offence:—

Time at which
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Places
visited in
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RECORD OF INVESTIGATION.

the main entrance on Canton Road awaiting the arrival of Supt. Loh Lien Kwei, went up to the car and opened the ⁷⁶ ~~rear~~ side door in order to allow Supt. Loh Lien Kwei to alight. (Statements 2 & 3).

At this time, two or three men who had evidently been waiting in the vicinity of the entrance to the hotel approached the car from both sides, firing at least 12 shots at point blank range through windows of car, resultant in fatal wounds to Supt. Loh Lien Kwei and injuries to the chauffeur, these men then decamping in an Easterly direction on Canton Road, turning South into Hupoh Road towards the French Concession, (Statement 4 - Tsang Tsao Kya (張祖嘉), Statement 5 - Yue Sau Yien (余水英), Statement 6, that of a Japanese named Kitoji Morishige (森重北治)), the shooting taking place so suddenly that Supt. Loh Lien Kwei was unable to use his own personal issue pistol which he always carries, usually concealed in the sleeve of his long gown, death being practically instantaneous for a cigar of Supt. Loh Lien Kwei was found to be still alight in his mouth, whilst his pistol, S.M.P. No.2144 was found on his lap, the safety catch still being at "safe", no cartridge in the breach.

Upon arrival of S.M.P. No.2144, D.S.I. Cigarettes and G.D.C.342 (Loun) who were the first upon the scene,

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Diary Numb	1 cont'd.	Nature of Offence:
Time at which investigation begun and concluded each day	Places visited in course of investigation each day	

RECORD OF INVESTIGATION.

they having been engaged on enquiries in the near vicinity, D.S.I. Gigarson heard what he thought was the sound of a shot being fired, he at the time being about 250 yards west of the Central Hotel on Canton Road, but upon arrival at the hotel entrance the assailants had decamped (Statement 7). Supt. Loh Lien Hwei was found still in a sitting position but slumped in the rear seat of the car leaning against ^{left} side rear corner.

The engine of the car was still running, gears being in neutral whilst the chauffeur had apparently made an attempt to leave the car, but had fallen and was found sitting between the ^{right} side running board and steering wheel of the car.

That the assailants had approached the car, (Saloon type of car) from both directions is proven by cartridge cases which were found on the roadway on both sides of the car and the damage to the car:

- 8 Mauser .38 cartridge cases, found on roadway.
- 2 .38 calibre cartridge cases, found on roadway.
- 1 Mauser .38 bullets, found on roadway.
- 1 .38 calibre bullet, found under seat of car.
- 1 Mauser .38 bullet (splintered) found in ^{right} side headlight of car.
- 3 pieces of splintered bullets, found in car.

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Diary Number:—	1 cont'd.	Nature of Offences: _____
Time at which investigation begun and concluded each day		Places visited in course of investigation each day

RECORD OF INVESTIGATION.

1 piece of splintered bullet found in doorway of manager's office of Central Hotel.

1 Mauser .38 cartridge case found in lobby at foot of counter inside Central Hotel.

Whilst it is possible that the splintered bullet found in doorway of the manager's office was fired from outside, which can be explained by open entrance door and damage to a grille railing at counter of lobby in the line of flight, the .38 cartridge case in the lobby of the hotel cannot be accounted for, all enquiries from employees in hotel failing to obtain any information that any shot was fired in the lobby, this despite the large number of employees who are working in the lobby of the hotel near to where this cartridge case was picked up. (Statement 8).

Damage to car:-

^{Leav}
Electrical horn, front ~~side~~ side damaged by bullet.

^{OK}
Headlight, front ~~near~~ side glass shattered by bullet.

^{OK}
Near side door, one bullet hole.

^{OK}
Near rear side, one bullet hole.

^{OK}
Near rear side, glass panel shattered.

^{Leav}
Rear side window, glass shattered.

Supt. Loh Lion Nwai was found to have been wounded at least 5 times, a group of 4 bullet wounds being found in region of right chest and shoulder.

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Diary Number:—	1 cont'd.	Nature of Offence:—
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RECORD OF INVESTIGATION.

a bullet wound at the right side of head, exit left side of neck.

The chauffeur was removed from the Lester Hospital to the Police Hospital for safety, found suffering from a bullet wound of the left arm.

Despite detective enquiries in the vicinity, no persons are able to give any information respecting any persons who may have been seen to be loitering in the vicinity previous to the shooting.

A bullet hole was found in the plate glass window of premises 546 Canton Road, which premises are situated nearby, opposite to the entrance of the hotel on the North side of Canton Road, no trace of this bullet could however be found.

The male Japanese, one Kitoji Morishige who was seen by D.I. Bennett in the vicinity of the shooting this man being dressed in Chinese clothing appeared to be very suspicious, he was taken to Louza Station for enquiries, when it was subsequently ascertained that he was concerned in the trafficking of opium, he was accordingly handed over to Japanese Consular Police, charged with an opium offence (F.I.R. 2874/38 Louza) and handed over to Japanese Consular Police.

By special arrangements an inquest was held upon the body of Capt. Loh Lien Kwei at the Lester

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RECORD OF INVESTIGATION.

Hospital during the afternoon of 18-8-38.

Procurement - Soong Kung San (宋根山).

Verdict:-

Death due to bullet wounds fired by assassins.

Police to make enquiries with a view to effecting arrest of assailants.

Body to be removed by son, Loh Cha Chun (陆家骏).

The motive of the shooting is not definitely known, but it is suspected due to political motives, for Supt. Loh Lien Kwei in a Memo recently issued by the Japanese Intelligence Section stated that he (Supt. Loh Lien Kwei) was engaged in Anti Japanese activities.

Enquiries are being conducted by detectives in conjunction with D.I. Glover and detectives of C.S. who gave assistance during initial period of enquiries, all detectives being warned to utilize all possible sources of information.

Bullets and cartridge cases found at scene forwarded to Arms Identification Section, a further examination upon the body of Supt. Loh Lien Kwei will be carried out by Police doctor on 19-8-38 in an endeavour to prove for bullets.

D.S.I. Dickson (Finger Print Bureau) examined the N/ear for possible finger prints.

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Diary Number:—

1 cont.

Nature of Offence:—

Time at which
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RECORD OF INVESTIGATION.

A check of M/cars parking in the vicinity of Canton Road near the hotel was carried out, no suspicion that any of these cars were in any way concerned.

M/car of Supt. Loh Lien Wei, Lic. No.743, at present detained in Louza Station together with personal effects which were found upon his person.

Mr. Fairbairn attended.

D.D.O.*A" attended.

D.O.*A" attended.

D.C. (Crime) informed.

C.P. informed.


D.D.O. Diva.

D.D.O.*A" Diva.

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Sung Young Sung (孙永), age 37,

Soochow
Lester Hosp.

12-8-38

// C.D.C. 18 Tiao Chi Shan.
translated Clerk S.H. Yun Pail.
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I am a chauffeur employed by Mr. Loh Lien Kwei,
Detective Supt. attached to Central Police Station.

At about 2 p.m. on 12-8-38, I took Mr. Loh in the
M/car from his home - No. 14 Sze Pang Road, to the Central
Hotel, Canton Road. On arriving at the latter address,
I stopped the M/car outside the side entrance of the said
Hotel, 545 Canton Road, the time being then about 2.35 p.m.
Mr. Loh Lien Kwei was about to alight from the car, when
3 or 4 persons approached the car and fired shots. I could
not evade myself and this resulted in my left arm receiving
bullet wounds. Being unable to move I remained in the car,
and after the shooting I turned round my head when I observed
Mr. Loh lying in the car. Later ambulance arrived, in
which both I and Mr. Loh were removed to the Lester Chinese
Hospital.

There were 3 or 4 persons who opened the shots.
They wore black clothing, no further description obtainable.

Signed & cross-marked: Sung Young Sung



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Re: Young, J. J., et al.,

Memorandum

Trans. No.

1-10-36.

April 1936.

I am employed as a writer in the Central Hotel, Canton Road. At 12:30 p.m. on 1-10-36, I was sitting at my desk (also a writer) and I was waiting for the Hotel to call me. I was sitting at my desk on the 7th floor of the hotel, which is along Canton Road and is about 100 feet from the hotel.

At 12:30 p.m. on 1-10-36, when I heard a shot, I ran out of my room on looking to see what was going on. I saw a man in a dark jacket and pants. I intended to arrest him but another man, who was standing on the other side of the road fired two shots at me causing me to fall into the hotel. Thereupon the fact was informed to the police. I went out when the shooting was over and saw that Mr. Lee and the chauffeur were injured.

Signed: To Young Kung



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To Mr. King, Agent, residing 103.

Chicago.

Louisiana.

18-2-38.

Clerk Chen.

I am employed as a waiter in the Central Hotel, Canton Road. At about 1:30 p.m. 18-2-38 I was waiting outside the hotel for Mr. Lee. I saw his car No. 743 proceeding from the hotel along Canton Road. When the car stopped outside the hotel, I saw a man shoot with a pistol five or ten shots at him. On hearing this I ran back to the hotel and was brought to the station for statement.

Description of the man:-

Age about 30, height about 5'4", wearing silk long gown, a straw hat, others unavailable. (Standing in front of the hotel when shooting took place).

Signed:- Mr. Lee King.



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Tsang Tsao Kya (張祖義), age 21.

Keding.

// C.D.C.342

Louisa Station.

18-8-38

Translated

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Clerk Pang

I am employed as a telephone operator in Central Hotel, No.545 Canton Road.

At about 2.35 p.m. on 18-8-38, while I was working in the telephone room, I heard reports of gun-shots outside the premises and I went out immediately to see what was the matter when I saw a man in black Canton silk clothing holding up his pistol and firing three shots towards a motor car and continuously I hear over ten shots and then I saw this man escaping from West to East along Canton Road and turning to Hupeh Road.

I walked towards the motor car where I saw Mr. Loh and his chauffeur were both wounded.

This is my correct statement.

Description of escaped man:- Age about 30, height 5'5", long face, dark complexion, wearing black Canton silk jacket and pants.

Signed by: Tsang Tsao Kya.



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Yue Sau Yien (余少彦), age 18,

Yue-yao, Shaoching

// D.S.I. Zia Soon ien.

Louza Station

18-8-38

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Clerk Sih Yun Pai.

I am a telephone operator employed at the Central Dance Hall, Central Hotel, 545 Canton Road.

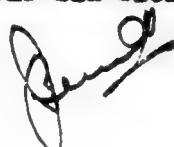
At about 2.35 p.m. 18-8-38, while I was standing outside the telephone operator's room on the ground floor, being a distance of about 5 feet away from the main entrance, I saw my master arrive in his private M/car, Lic. No.743, from West to East on Canton Road, which stopped outside 545 Canton Road. Simultaneously, I saw two persons (1) dressed in a black long gown, firing with a pistol that he was holding, (2) dressed in a gray silk long gown, opening several shots with his pistol at the M/car's window glass. The person wearing a gray long gown asked me to go away. Having fired the shots the 1st person (dressed in black long gown) ran away along Hapah Road towards South, immediately followed by the 2nd person (dressed in gray long gown) in a same direction, the latter was firing three more shots as he was running. Later I found my master Lam Lien Kuei injured, and also the chauffeur was wounded at his left arm.

The absconded persons are described as follows:

- (1) Age about 25, height about 5'6", slim build, long hair, wearing a black long gown, no hat.
- (2) Age about 25, height about 5'6", slim build, long hair, wearing a gray silk long gown, no hat.

Dialect unknown.

Signed: Yue Sau Yien.



SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

REPORT OF POLICE INVESTIGATIONS.

The following is the statement of Kitoji Korishige (森重北治)
native of Japan taken by Mc D.S. Kobayashi. In the presence
at Louza Station on the 18-8-38. of Consular Police.
and interpreted by _____

My name is Kitagi Korishige, age 36, merchant at Mo Lau Ching Village (馬橋鎮), O.O.L. I came to Shanghai last night for dealing with some business with Chinese in Shanghai.

At about 2.35 p.m. 18-8-38 whilst I was talking about business transaction with the occupants of Room 404 Central Hotel I heard the reports of several shots from the direction of the main entrance of hotel. At this time I was seated on the stool very near to the window which faced to Hoihow Road.

Thinking that a shooting affray being took place I stood up and then looked outside from window when I saw two male Chinese each person wearing white hat and light grey long gown, both age about 27, walking along the roadway towards French Concession, one of whom had his right hand under his long gown as if he had a pistol concealed. An occupant of the room (absconded) told me that this man was probably one of the persons responsible for the shooting.

Soon after the crowd of Chinese ran towards Canton Road corner from different direction. I being interested went down to the main entrance to investigate.

The party of Police which already arrived at the scene asked me regarding witnesses I voluntarily explain to the Police what I saw from the window. Later I was brought to Louza Station as witness.

Signed by:

森重北治



PERSON,

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Reference to murder of Det. -upt. Lok Lien Wei
and outside Central Hotel on Canton Road.

The undersigned beg to report that on 1st Jan. 1942 the 18-6-36 in order to make enquiries in a robbery case, he accompanied by C.D.C.342 proceeded to Canton Road, situated about 25 yards east from Wang's Road. Having completed enquiries, after about 10 minutes, the two detectives were proceeding east along Canton Road in order to return to the Station via Chekiang Road. Immediately the station A/car (Lic. No. 3742) had started the undersigned heard something like a shot, but it could be as well a burst pneumatic tyre. However when arriving at the corner of Canton and Chekiang Roads a crowd had gathered. The undersigned and C.D.C.342 left the station car and proceeded along Canton Rd. asking the people what had occurred, but none was willing to give any information. The undersigned from a distance of about 100 yards saw A/car, Lic. No. 743, outside the Central Hotel, rather far from the kerb and blocking East West traffic. Knowing ^{that} the car belonged to Det. -upt. Lok Lien Wei, the undersigned ran to the car and saw that the rear left window of the car was smashed and by looking into the car saw Det. -upt. Lok Lien Wei leaning in the corner of the car with a cigar in his mouth, but bleeding from his head and his chauffeur sitting on the right mudguard bleeding from his left arm. The undersigned immediately rushed into the Central Hotel and informed the Charge Room that Mr. Lok Lien Wei was shot and asked to send the ambulance immediately to Canton Road outside

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the Central Hotel (Tel. message 2.40p.m.). The undersigned and C.D.C.342 whilst waiting for the ambulance immediately established enquiries as to which direction the culprits who fired fired the shots had proceeded to, but no definite information could be ascertained. The ambulance arrived and conveyed Det. Supt. Loh Lien Awai and his chauffeur to the Lester Chinese Hospital. At the same time Det. Inapt. Bennett, Ch. Inapt. Chamberlain and party of Police also Reserve Unit arrived and the vicinity of Canton Road and Chokiang Road, Macpherson Road was searched.

S. J. Garsen
D. S. I.

[Signature]

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Vai Sai Zai (萬二才), age 24, married,

Hing, o

Louisa Station

18-8-36

translated
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Clerk P ng.

I am employed in the downstairs bar room of Central Hotel.

At about 11.35 p.m. today while I was working in the bar room, I heard a number of gun-shot reports and I became frightened and I concealed myself under the counter.

When I was trying to conceal myself, I saw a number of persons running towards outside but I did not see the man who fired the shots.

This is my correct statement.

Signed and cross-marked by Vi Sai Zai



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High Police Officer Killed

Supt. Loh Lien-kwe Assassinated Outside Chinese Hotel ; Two Gunmen Escape

A PAIR of bold assassins riddled Supt. Loh Lien-kwe, a leading Chinese detective officer of the Settlement Police, with bullets outside the Central Hotel, Canton Road, at 2.45 o'clock yesterday afternoon and then escaped by running into Hoopoh Road. Supt. Loh, who was one of the most influential Chinese in Shanghai, died almost instantly from wounds in the head, chest and shoulder, and was pronounced dead on being admitted to the Lester Hospital. His chauffeur was wounded in the arm, losing a considerable amount of blood, and is now in the Lester Hospital in a serious condition. Pro-Japanese elements are suspected of having perpetrated the daring crime.

It was the first instance in the history of the Municipal Police in which a high-ranking officer had been assassinated, and immediately the news had been flashed to Headquarters a vast machinery was set in motion to bring the assassins to justice. The Louza Station police and two sections of the Headquarters staff were at once assigned to the case and began investigations which took them to various parts of Shanghai.

As soon as the alarm reached Louza Station, at 2.45 p.m., all available men there hurried to the scene as well as the members of the Reserve Unit who were standing-by at the time in Ningpo Road. Station cars filled with steel-clad policemen, and the big red vans of the riot-squad, rushed to the corner of Canton Road and Hoopoh Road, where the assassination had taken place. The immediate neighbourhood was surrounded and a thorough search made of houses and alleyways. The murderers, however, had escaped.

Bodyguard Not Present

Supt. Loh had driven up to the Canton Road entrance of the Central Hotel in his private motor-car. He was without his usual bodyguard. The driver had scarcely stopped the car when the assassins, two in number, opened fire at close range, riddling the vehicle and putting at least six bullets into Supt. Loh. The heavy-set detective officer, still in the rear of the car, slumped to the seat, blood

oozing from wounds in his head, chest and one shoulder. His customary cigar dropped from his mouth and fell on to the cushion beside him. He was dead before the light had gone out of the cigar.

The chauffeur, wounded in one arm, staggered out of the car and vainly tried to cross the street for safety. He left a wide trail of blood on the pavement, which was littered with glass from the broken windows and head-lamps of the car.

The assassins, who were believed to be Chinese, escaped by running from Canton Road into crowded Hoopoh Road and mingling with the milling horde. While they were only two in number, it is thought that other members of the same gang were present as look-outs and escaped without difficulty. The shots caused temporary panic in the ranks of traffic and pedestrians, but within a few minutes hundreds crowded about the narrow spot to stare at the tragic scene.

Many Shots Fired

It was estimated that at least twelve shots were fired from two pistols, one being a high-velocity Mauser and the other an ordinary automatic of .32 calibre. One of the bullets penetrated the side of the hotel.

A lucky man was the hotel attendant who was on the footpath, about to open the door of the car, when the fusillade was let loose. He escaped unhurt, although bullets and broken glass flew about him.

Mr. Loh's body was placed in the mortuary of the Lester Hospital and there an inquest was held by the Chinese Court Procurator yesterday evening in the presence of witnesses, police officials and relatives of the victim. The Procurator's verdict was that Supt. Loh had met death at the hands of persons unknown. The body was taken from the hospital to the parlours of the International Funeral Directors in Kiao-how Road, where it will be encoffined today.



Photo by courtesy of Dr. N. Ekelund.
Supt. Loh Lien-kwe

Supt. Loh Lien-kwe was a man whose place in the Settlement Police it will be difficult to fill. His long detective experience, his connections and his genius in dealing with cases all contributed to make him an outstanding figure in the S.M.P. Besides, his genial character and generous disposition had endeared him to many in and outside of police ranks.

Notable Police Career

Supt. Loh rose from humble beginnings. He was born in Huchow, Chekiang, 49 years ago, and joined the S.M.P. as a constable on May 27, 1911. In 1916 he was made a detective constable and he continued in the Detective Branch until the time of his death. He was appointed sergeant in 1923, sub-inspector, in 1926, inspector in 1927, chief inspector in 1929, assistant superintendent in 1933, and superintendent in 1937. His commendations for superior police work numbered well over 100, and he was decorated twice by the Council—once with the Police Long Service Medal, and recently with the 1937 Emergency Medal.

Mr. Loh leaves two sons and four daughters. His wife died last year, elaborate funeral services being held in the spring of this year.

Supt. Loh's hospitality was extended to many, both Chinese and foreigners, who will remember him as a genial host and a connoisseur of the delicacies of the Chinese table. To those who came into daily contact with him, he will stand out as a quiet-natured and even-tempered man, able to handle difficult problems with tact and understanding, and always eager to help those in need of his assistance. He had friends in all the Municipal services, the Press and the Shanghai business world, who will long cherish his memory.

Chinese Superintendent Of S.M.P. Assassinated Outside Central Hotel

Loh Lien-kwei Dies In His Car With Cigar Still
Gripped Between His Teeth; Chauffeur Is
Wounded As Gunmen Riddle Car With Fire

TERRORISTS SUSPECTED OF BEING BEHIND KILLING AS REVENGE

In one of the most sensational assassinations carried out in the International Settlement recently, Superintendent Loh Lien-kwei, chief of the Chinese detectives attached to S.M.P. Headquarters, was riddled with bullets at 2.45 p.m. yesterday when he drove up in his car before the Central Hotel at the intersection of Canton and Hoopch Roads.

With several bullets through his chest and body, Superintendent Loh slumped in the car, but died with his cigar still clenched between his teeth. His chauffeur was wounded in the hand and shoulder and is being treated at the Lester Chinese Hospital.

The two or three gunmen, who carried out the brutal killing in broad daylight, mixed with the crowd in the confusion that ensued and escaped along Hoopch Road in the direction of the French Concession and were still at large at a late hour last night. They are not likely to be free for long, as every detective in the Force has vowed to get them.

The brutal killing was generally regarded by the police yesterday as marked down for death by the terrorists' reply to the recent arrests and sensational disclosures of members of the Yellow Way of the operations of the Huang Tao Society. It is generally believed that the leaders of the terrorist group had attributed these arrests to the organization of the murder-er officer and, for this reason, he has been traced by detectives of the newly formed Homicide Squad of the S.M.P. yesterday afternoon.

Lightning Assassination

The assassination and the wounding of the chauffeur was carried out in such an expert and lightning manner that the Chinese constable, who was on duty at the intersection of Hoopch and Canton Roads, not more than 25 yards from the scene of the killing, had hardly gathered his wits about him before the whole thing was all over and frightened crowds were surging in all directions.

Superintendent Loh drove up to the Central Hotel, which is one of his properties, as was his custom, yesterday afternoon. Apart from his chauffeur, he was alone in the car, although frequently he was accompanied by one of his detective as an armed bodyguard. His life had often been threatened by armed criminals and other underworld elements and especially of late he had received a large number of threatening letters. His superiors always urged him to have a bodyguard with him, but he always laughed at the idea and tried to avoid having a guard with him as much as possible.

As his car was drawing to a stop outside the Central Hotel, two or



THE LATE MR. LOH LIEN-KWEI

three men suddenly stepped forward and, before the terrified gaze of many a passer-by and shopkeepers on both sides of the street, they let loose a hail of bullets at the officer sitting inside the car, bullets shattering the plate glass windows and two hitting the driver, who slumped at the wheel.

Almost immediately the whole street was clear and, together with the running crowd, the gunmen managed to make their escape towards the French Concession, without anyone noticing them. Several versions of what actually occurred and how many terrorists there were taking part in the assassination were given to the police, but one and all were sure that there were at least two men and that they wore short jackets.

Eleven Shells Found

Eleven empty cartridge shells were picked up at the scene of the killing. They were immediately examined by ballistic experts of the S.M.P., and nine were found to have been fired from a Mauser pistol and two from a .32 calibre automatic. Ballistic experts stated that only two pistols were used by the gunmen and that the Mauser was very similar to the ones used in recent assassinations and should be of a close serial number.

The smoke of gunfire had not cleared when an alarm was sent through to the Police Headquarters, the Louza Police Station and the Shanghai Fire Brigade for an Emergency Ambulance. While frightened crowds were still running in all directions and taking cover in shops and alleyways, a squad of police from the Louza Police Station arrived on the scene, to be followed almost immediately by the Reserve Unit, who threw a cordon round the area and conducted a search. Members of the Homicide Squad were on the scene within a few minutes in their new Riot Car as well as detectives of the Crime Branch Headquarters, which section the late Superintendent Loh headed.

As the intense search for suspects got under way, with the leading sleuths of the S.M.P. in charge of the investigation, the ace detective's corpse, bleeding profusely from the chest, was picked up from the floor of his car, placed in an ambulance and taken to the Lester Chinese Hospital, where the Superintendent was pronounced dead. There were six bullet holes in his body. The chauffeur was also taken to the Lester Hospital and, later in the evening, he was transferred to the Police Hospital for treatment of wounds to his hand and shoulder.

Shot Into Hotel

A search for cartridge shells and bullet holes unearthed a bullet hole through the iron grille surrounding a confectionary store in the vestibule of the Central Hotel. It is believed that this shot was fired by one of the gunmen at a hotel coolie, who had run up to open

the door of Superintendent Loh's car, but had fled back into the hotel as the gunplay started. Another bullet hole was found in the plate glass window of a pharmacy across the street from the Central Hotel.

Not forgetting the minutest details despite the excitement of the moment, the detectives, who were first on the scene, did not overlook to detain a number of witnesses of the assassination. A number of these were being questioned at the Louza Police Station up to a late hour last night, and it is expected that they may help the police in tracing the killers, whom every detective in the Force has vowed to bring to book.

Loss Mourned

The death of Superintendent Loh cast a gloom over the Force last evening when his passing became known to the hundreds of men with whom he had served since 1911. He joined the Force on May 27 of that year as a constable and worked his way to the position of Superintendent, to which he was promoted on May 1, 1937, before reaching the age of 50. A most genial officer with his men and friends, he also numbered not a few well-wishers among the Chinese criminal world, having frequently lent a helping hand to a young wrongdoer and put him back on the right path.

But among the armed criminal fraternity he was one of the most feared men in the city. Relentless in his pursuit of the armed kidnapper and gun-wielder, Loh Lien-kwei's name was a synonym for danger when he hit the trail of wrongdoers.

Reliable And Loyal

A high officer of the S.M.P. yesterday referred to the late Superintendent Loh as a man of great courage and pointed out that, despite the fact that he had been warned a great number of times, Loh did not want to have a bodyguard always with him. The officer also pointed out that the assassinated man was one of the most outstanding men who had been in the detective branch. He was thoroughly reliable and loyal to the Shanghai community.

In a circular order yesterday, the Commissioner of Police expressed great regret at the sudden death of Superintendent Loh, by which the Force loses one of its most valued officers, and the Commissioner, on behalf of all members of the Force, expressed his deep regret at the death of Superintendent Loh and extended to his relatives an expression of deep sympathy.

The body of the deceased has been taken to the parlours of the International Funeral Directors on Kiaochow Road, and the encoffining ceremony will be held on Sunday. The casket will be temporarily put in the care of the Ping Kiang Kiang Tso Cemetery.

The late Mr. Loh is survived by two sons and two daughters.